

Annual Report for the year 1 June 2011–31 May 2012

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland is a learned Society founded in 1780 and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1783. It is a registered Scottish Charity No SC010440. The Society offices are at the National Museums Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1JF.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland was founded in 1780, and granted a Royal Charter in 1783. It is a charity registered in Scotland, SC010440, with eighteen governing Laws, which are published in the annual journal, *The Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*. The Society has five elected office-bearers: the President, three Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer. The governing body of the Society is Council, whose members act as Trustees, and which consists of the five office-bearers, twelve Fellows elected by the Society and *ex officio* members, currently consisting of the Chair of the Aberdeen and North-East Section, the Conveners of the Publication and Research Committees and the representative of the National Museums Scotland (NMS), who must be a Fellow of the Society, nominated by the Trustees of the NMS.

Elected Vice-Presidents and Councillors (apart from the Treasurer) hold office for three years, and are not eligible for re-election until at least one year has elapsed. The Treasurer is elected for one year, and may stand for re-election annually. The elections are by ballot at the Annual General Meeting (Anniversary Meeting), from a list issued by Council for that purpose to Fellows at least fourteen days before the meeting. New office-bearers and Council members are provided with a document outlining their role and responsibilities, and are invited to an induction meeting with the President and Society staff before their first Council meeting.

Council, chaired by the President, normally meets five times a year, and there are five sub-committees with responsibilities for Publications, Programme, External Affairs, Research and Fellowship. The Publications Committee meets three times a year to discuss all aspects of the Society's publications, while the Research Committee meets only once a year to make

recommendations to Council on allocation of research funds. The Fellowship Committee and External Affairs Committee meet occasionally but communicate mainly via email. The former to assess the applications for Fellowship and ensure they meet the standards required for admission to the Society; the names are presented to the Fellowship for election at the Anniversary Meeting. This Committee also looks to develop Fellowship generally, from benefits and communication to increasing the numbers to a sustainable level. The External Affairs Committee meets to discuss advocacy and support the Director in this area. The Fellowship Committee also organises Fellows' Evenings to encourage greater participation of Fellows in the development of the Society's future. A smaller Management Group (consisting of President, Treasurer, one Vice-President, Director and Assistant Treasurer) oversees day-to-day financial and management matters. It meets more frequently than Council and as required, bringing recommendations and information to Council as appropriate. The Management Group exercises delegated responsibility for risk management within the Society. Personnel matters are discussed by Management Group and lead by the Vice-President with responsibility for Staff Matters, consulting other Council members and/or staff as and when necessary.

The Director manages the staff and day-to-day activities of the Society and is delegated by Council to promote the objectives and organise the strategic development of the Society. The Director has some autonomy in the area of historic environment advocacy, because responses to consultations and reviews often have to be written to short deadlines which cannot wait for the next meeting of Council. However, the External Affairs Committee supports and advises the Director as required in the area of advocacy. Whenever time permits, comments on draft responses to consultations are also sought from Council members by email.

At the 2011 Anniversary Meeting, the Society welcomed Alan Saville as its new President and said farewell to Dr Barbara Crawford as her term of office came to an end. Dr Crawford was awarded an OBE during her term of office for services to history and archaeology.

The offices of the Society are housed within the NMS as per the arrangements agreed in the Conveyance of 1851 which provided the Society and its collection with fit and proper accommodation, in the National Gallery on The Mound, as a condition of signing over its collection to the nation for the benefit of the public. This collection formed the core of the national archaeological collections now housed in the NMS, and other parts are now in the National Records of Scotland, the National Library of Scotland or the National Galleries of Scotland, as well as the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS). The NMS Library receives 163 periodicals as exchanges from other societies and libraries in return for copies of the *Proceedings*, as well as publications donated by Fellows through the Society. Fellows are statutorily entitled to free access to the NMS Library through the National Heritage (Scotland) Act 1985 (Section 3(5)), and enjoy borrowing privileges. The library has now fully re-opened and is free to access on the floor above the *Connect* gallery, adjacent to the *Communicate!* gallery on Level 3 in the west wing of the Royal Museum building.

The numbers of paying Fellows continued to decline: from 2,777 in May 2011 to 2,748 at 31 May 2012. While this is a much lower reduction than in the previous year, and numbers of Fellows joining the Society has continued to increase (from 59 in 2008 to 94 in 2011), the Society relies on Fellowship subscriptions to enable it to deliver its charitable objectives and activities as set out below, and it will continue to prioritise maintaining and increasing Fellowship. Indeed, the Fellowship Committee agreed a ten-point plan to develop Fellowship including the suggestion, agreed by Council and put to

the Fellows as a motion at the Anniversary Meeting (see below), to remove the entry fee and reduce the first subscription payment for new Fellows.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal objective of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland is set out in Law 1: ‘... the study of the antiquities and history of Scotland, more especially by means of archaeological research’.

In May 2008, Council approved a five-year strategy document that sets out the above objective and amplifies it with the following Mission Statement:

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland will promote the research, understanding and conservation of the archaeological and historic environment of Scotland for the benefit of all. It will actively support research in the field and advocate good practice. It will promote the results of its research and that of others to the widest possible audience.

To achieve these aspirations the Society:

- encourages high-quality research through grants to individuals, institutions and partnerships
- disseminates the results of research and endeavour in the field of archaeology and history in Scotland through lectures, conferences and publications
- furthers the cause of archaeology and history in Scotland by providing independent expert advice in discussions and consultations relating to the historic environment
- recognises and encourages excellence throughout the whole community of interest in archaeology and history, by awarding bursaries, medals and prizes to students, non-professionals and professionals alike.

To aid it in its future development, the Society applied for and was successful in seeking funding from Third Sector Internships Scotland (TSIS) to host a Fellowship Development student internship for ten weeks. Advertised in March 2012, the Society shortlisted from forty-nine applications to interview five in early May 2012 and the successful candidate, Mrs Harriet Cornell from the University of Edinburgh, will start in early July 2012. In addition, the Society Fellowship will form a case study for post-doctoral research by Dr Tawny Paul of the Scottish Centre for Diaspora Studies in the University of Edinburgh; not only will this contribute to our understanding generally of the Scottish Diaspora, but the aim is to also gain specific insight into our Fellows and their aspirations for the Society. Both projects will contribute to the Society’s consideration of its own future and the need to build Fellowship and diversify income.

The Society website is regularly updated, and enables Fellows and non-Fellows to purchase Society books and other products and allows Fellows to pay their subscriptions securely online.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Research Grants Awarded

The Society received twenty-one individual applications totalling £32,992.80. This is an increase of 8% on previous applications. However, to keep expenditure in line with income the Society had £13,053.44 to disburse in grants this year, which was approximately £880 more than 2010-11. This total was exhaustively whittled down to twelve successful projects through the Research Committee meeting in February 2012.

The Society is justly proud of its grant awards scheme, which, although presenting only relatively small sums, helps to initiate new projects and aims to contribute where the relatively small sums would make the greatest impact. Grants from the Society, rigorously scrutinised through the Research Committee, can also help projects get further funding from other sponsors.

This year the Society awarded grants to a typically diverse group of projects, ranging from the laser scanning of a symbol stone at Trusty's Hill as part of the Galloway Picts Project to research into child welfare in Edinburgh in the late-Victorian and early 20th century. In providing these funds, the Society aims to encourage best practice in the research of Scotland's past.

In March 2012 the Council ratified the following awards, except Mr Strachan's, which was confirmed in May 2012:

<i>Applicant name</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount granted</i>
Dr Christopher Bowles and Mr Ronan Toolis	The Galloway Picts Project	£2,000
Dr C Stephen Briggs	Scottish Antiquarian Single Graves	£700
Dr Elizabeth Darling	Urban Renewal and Child Welfare: Networks of Philanthropy in Late-Victorian and early 20th-century Edinburgh	£1,100
Dr Katherine Engel	Breaking Ties: International Protestantism and the American Revolution	£1,400
Dr Karen Hardy	Lub Dudh-aird: A prehistoric landscape	£1,200
Dr Fraser Hunter	Finds in Context: investigating the long Iron Age at Clarkly Hill, Moray	£1,260
Dr Gordon Noble	Rhynie Environs Archaeology Project (REAP) Phase 2	£2,000
Dr Oliver O'Grady	Geophysical prospection of Culdee Monasteries in Perth and Kinross (Phase 2)	£1,300
Prof Ian Ralston and Dr Mel Johnson	Burghead Promontory Fort	£600
Dr Daniel Steiniger	Kilmartin Mining Survey	£342
Mr David Strachan	The Lair Pitcarmick Building Project	£580
Mr Scott Wood	Achnahannait, Isle of Skye	£500
	<i>Total</i>	£12,982

The Society welcomes donations, of whatever size, which can be restricted for use in providing funds for the grants scheme, thereby helping us to increase the amounts we can disburse and hopefully begin to match the numbers of deserving applicants.

Donations and Bequests

The Society received no bequests in the year under consideration, but did receive £5,000 as a donation from the Mrs M H McMillan's Charitable Trust, for which we are very grateful. We encourage all

Fellows to consider the Society an appropriate charity for your donations. We also encourage all eligible Fellows who have not already done so to sign up to Gift Aid, which provides the Society with a substantial annual income from HM Government.

In addition to Gift Aid, there is also a Payroll Giving scheme that enables donations to be given to any UK charity straight from gross salary (before tax is deducted); donors receive immediate tax relief of up to £4 for every £10 donated. The Society currently has one Fellow who contributed to the Society through Payroll Giving in this financial year. If you wish more information on how to give to the Society, check the website under Donations and please do not hesitate to contact the office.

The Scottish Archaeological Research Framework (ScARF) Project

The Society has received funding from Historic Scotland since 2008 for this project. The web-based publication of ScARF was launched in the first week of June 2012 at www.scottishheritagehub.com. The website provides a framework for the development of research in Scottish archaeology by critically reviewing the current state of archaeological knowledge and considering the potential and practicability of future areas of research. In order to achieve this, panels of experts were assembled to look at period and thematic issues. ScARF has now reported the deliberations of these panels, and is looking for your participation to help develop the ideas, facts and prospects for research into Scotland's past; users can leave comments and ideas online at the website, please log-in and take part!

ScARF will be publicly launched with the production of a booklet aimed at marketing the vibrancy and innovation of Scottish archaeology as well as making ScARF accessible. This will be an opportunity to reach out and involve new audiences while continuing to develop and encourage existing ones. Plans for future improvements include enabling registered users to more easily contribute photos and videos of research and excavations, an interactive timeline, greater incorporation of social media and tailoring content for mobile devices. ScARF will continue to be developed and updated and the mechanisms for putting it on a sustainable footing resourced from across the sector explored.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

The Society provided the following events, including lectures at its regular Ordinary Meetings, conferences and special events.

Monday 10 October 2011 Edinburgh

Tuesday 11 October 2011 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

DR TIMOTHY TAYLOR, MA PhD FSA FRSA, University of Bradford

The Artificial Ape: how technology changed the course of human evolution

Joint lecture with the Prehistoric Society followed by a reception in Edinburgh

Monday 14 November 2011 Edinburgh

Tuesday 15 November 2011 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

DR BARBARA CRAWFORD, OBE MA PhD FSA FRSE FSA Scot

Presidential Address

Commemorating the medieval past; from Shetland to St Andrews

Wednesday 30 November 2011 Edinburgh

Anniversary Meeting (Annual General Meeting)

Monday 12 December 2011 Edinburgh

Tuesday 15 May 2012 Aberdeen (postponed due to weather)

Lecture Meeting

DR ALLAN RUTHERFORD, Historic Scotland

Renewed Life for Scottish Castles

Monday 9 January 2012 Edinburgh

Tuesday 10 January 2012 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

EAMONN P KELLY, Keeper of Irish Antiquities, National Museum of Ireland

Irish Iron Age Bog Bodies

Monday 30 January 2012 Edinburgh

Tuesday 31 January 2012 Aberdeen

NEIL CURTIS, MA MLitt AMA FSA Scot, University of Aberdeen

Exhibiting Scottish Identity: the 1911 Scottish Exhibition of National History, Art and Industry

Joint with the National Museums Scotland Members

Tuesday 14 February 2012 Aberdeen

Wednesday 15 February 2012 Edinburgh

Lecture Meeting

CHARLES J BURNETT ESQ, KStJ, DA, MLitt, FHSS, Ross Herald Extraordinary

Loyalty to the Sovereign and the Scottish Heralds

Monday 12 March 2012 Edinburgh

Tuesday 13 March 2012 Aberdeen

Lecture Meeting

DR MARION UCKELMANN, University of Exeter/Tracing Networks project: Salt of the Earth

Armour or Glamour? Shields and warfare in the Bronze Age

THE RHIND LECTURES

Friday 13 April to Sunday 15 April 2012 Edinburgh

PROFESSOR KEVIN EDWARDS, MA PhD FRGS FSA FRSE FSA Scot, University of Aberdeen

On the windy edge of nothing: Vikings in the North Atlantic world – ecological and social journeys

Wednesday 9 May 2012 Aberdeen

Thursday 10 May 2012 St Andrews

Lecture Meeting

DR REBECCA JONES, BA PhD FSA FSA Scot MifA, Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical
Monuments of Scotland

On the March: Roman camps in Scotland

Joint with the St Andrews University Archaeology Society

National Conference

Saturday 26 May 2012 – University of Aberdeen

Archaeological Research in Progress

In collaboration with Archaeology Scotland

Saturday 9 June 2012

Summer Excursion

Sunday 19 August 2012

Aberdeen and North-East Section Summer Excursion

Evening lectures at Ordinary Meetings are free to all and open to the public, and held in the Wolfson Lecture Theatre of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and in the MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen (unless otherwise stated). The year 2011–12 saw seven ordinary lecture meetings, the annual joint lecture with the NMS Members, the Anniversary Meeting, and the national *Archaeological Research in Progress* conference. We continued to be able to record almost all the lectures and place them free to view online from our website; this is building into a fantastic free online resource for all those wishing insight into Scotland's past. As part of the widening of lecture locations outwith Edinburgh, Dr Jones' lecture was held in St Andrews, jointly with the St Andrews University Archaeology Society. We continued our biennial collaboration with the Prehistoric Society with a lecture by Dr Tim Taylor, which was followed by a reception generously funded by the Prehistoric Society. The Rhind Lectures by Professor Kevin Edwards were also recorded. With a focus upon the Faroe Islands, Iceland and Greenland, Professor Edwards presented a select narrative of past and recent writings, archaeological enquiry and scientific research concerning the Norse settlement of the North Atlantic. For historical times especially, he featured the individuals behind the investigations. This was an excellent series bringing together the research of numerous colleagues and presenting for the first time some of the earliest dates for occupation of the Faroe Islands. The six Rhind Lectures are an opportunity for a speaker to investigate a particular topic in more depth than would normally be possible and to present recent research findings in an accessible fashion to a public audience.

The Society has a thriving Aberdeen and North-East Section. It is the tradition that each speaker from the Ordinary Meetings in Edinburgh travels to Aberdeen to give the same lecture there, and it is to the credit of the speakers that they were willing to give so freely of their time to visit both. The Section also organises some additional lectures and field trips. The summer excursion from Aberdeen was led by Dr Gordon Barclay and Matt Ritchie, Forestry Commission Scotland Archaeologist, to Second World War coastal defences at Newburgh and Lossiemouth.

The annual *Archaeological Research in Progress* Day Conference in Aberdeen was organised this year by Archaeology Scotland, and again it was possible to record some of the presentations and place them free to view online. As usual the Archaeology Scotland version of the conference drew on recent research from around the local area. The Summer Excursion is reported here as part of the programme – although strictly speaking it occurred outwith the financial year under review. Fellows visited Glasgow in partnership with GUARD Archaeology Ltd and Glasgow Museums, and Fellows learned a great deal about the working of a commercial archaeological service and their recent projects (some of which are sponsored by the Society) and artefacts under analysis. Fellows were also treated to a personal tour of the Govan carved stones, including the famous hogbacks, in Govan Old Parish Church by the foremost expert Dr Anna Ritchie, our Honorary

Fellow. Finally, the excursion was personally guided by Gareth James, the Director of the Glasgow Museums Resource Centre, highlighting the incredible array and scale of the collections available to view there.

Dr Barbara Crawford also presented her Presidential Address *Commemorating the medieval past; from Shetland to St Andrews* and stimulated many Fellows to consider the ways in which Scotland's medieval past is communicated to the general public. She concluded with a plea to support the better presentation of Bishop Henry Wardlaw, the founder of St Andrews University, an institution about to celebrate its 600th Anniversary in 2013.

PUBLICATIONS

The Society published its first volume of *Transactions* in 1792, and has been publishing a regular journal since then. The *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*, published annually, is now the national journal of record for Scottish archaeology. Volume 140 was published and distributed to Fellows and libraries in November 2011, and contains the customary mix of archaeology, history, architectural history and other areas of material culture.

Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports (SAIR ISSN 1473–3803) has seen the publication of two reports in the year ending 31 May 2012:

SAIR 49 *Neolithic Domesticity and other Prehistoric Anomalies: Excavations at Laigh Newton, East Ayrshire*
by Ronan Toolis

SAIR 50 *A Rural Medieval Settlement and Early Iron Age Funerary Remains at Hallhill, Dunbar, East Lothian*
by Stuart Mitchell and Sue Anderson

All *Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports* are freely available online at www.sair.org and the series is being permanently archived by the National Libraries of Scotland (NLS), because it is, in their words, 'an important part of our documentary heritage'. This will ensure the accessibility of SAIR in the future as part of the permanent collections of the NLS.

The Society has published two books in the year ending 31 May 2012 and work continues on several further volumes.

Winds of Change. The Living Landscapes of Hirta, St Kilda

Jill Harden and Olivia Lelong

ISBN 978 0 903903 29 5

Roman Camps in Scotland

Rebecca H Jones

ISBN 978 0 903903 50 9

The Director and Managing Editor/Sales Manager both attended and presented a paper at the Council for British Archaeology Winter General Meeting in February 2012 where the agenda was devoted to publishing and accessing archaeological knowledge. This has stimulated further Society discussions regarding its role in Open Access publication and the development of our online digital resources such as recorded lectures and SAIR, as well as the ongoing programme of placing the *Proceedings* online.

Finally, two of the Society's books, *Carpow in Context* and *Archaeology of the Sea in Scandinavia and Britain* won first and second prizes respectively in the Keith Muckelroy Memorial Award 2011 for a work which, in the opinion of the judges, best reflects the interests, aspirations and high scholarly standards of Keith Muckelroy, a young maritime archaeologist who died in a diving accident in 1980. The award is administered by the Nautical Archaeology Society for published work on maritime archaeology which best reflects the pioneering ideas and scholarly aspirations of the late Keith Muckelroy from the Council for British Archaeology.

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT ADVOCACY

As the senior antiquarian body in Scotland, the Society is consulted by a wide range of organisations from central government to academic funding bodies such as the Arts and Humanities Research Council, where it is considered a Subject Association. Our independence from government, university or agency allows us an impartial voice, drawing on the wide range of experience from the Fellowship. The Director is a board member of the Built Environment Forum Scotland (BEFS), an umbrella body which brings together non-governmental organisations working in the historic and built environment sector, and is convener of the Historic Environment Working Group of that Forum.

The Society is a member of The Archaeology Forum, a UK-wide grouping of non-governmental organisations, and through this the Director is made aware of, and regularly contributes to, consultations and initiatives from outside Scotland, which may have an impact on the Scottish historic environment. The Society also shares membership of Scottish Environment Link with Archaeology Scotland.

This year the Society commented on a National Strategy for Scotland's Museums and Galleries produced by Museums and Galleries Scotland; a Managing Change Guidance Note for Works on Scheduled Ancient Monuments by Historic Scotland; and the Historic Scotland Corporate Plan and the President and Director attended the launch of the same. We contributed to the Forestry Commission consultation on woodland expansion in Scotland by the Woodland Expansion Advisory Group, and the Institute for Archaeologists (IfA) and Association of Local Government Archaeology Officers (ALGAO) Standard and Guidance documents. The Society also participated in discussions, both direct and at a BEFS Workshop, on the RCAHMS Options Appraisal. We were also consulted during the Historic Scotland internal review of its Archaeology Function, and have been part of discussions regarding the development of Scottish Historic Environment Records. The Society corresponded with the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs regarding these latter few projects which have the potential to dramatically change the sectoral landscape in Scotland, and hosted a meeting of forty-five senior stakeholders under Chatham House rules on Saturday morning of 10 March 2012. This provided at least one formal forum at which to discuss issues across the various individual pieces of work being undertaken and received an update from the then Chief Operating Officer of Historic Scotland, Ian Walford, on the Government's view on all these initiatives. A full minute of the meeting is available on the Society website and discussion ranged from terminology and the scope of 'heritage' to wider concerns with integration, openness, partnership and ensuring that voices are heard throughout the processes. The Society will use this initial discussion to help frame future meetings and develop its engagement on these matters; indeed, we would welcome Fellows views on not only what has already been reported, but also on the continuing development of our sector.

Society advocacy papers and letters are available on the Society website.

The Society is also represented on the Archaeology Data Services Management Committee, the British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography Online Advisory Committee, the Antonine Wall Management Plan Working Group before this changed and the Society is now represented on the Research Committee for the Antonine Wall, the National Committee on Carved Stones in Scotland

and the Heritage Audit advisory group, while Fellows represent the Society on the National Museums Scotland Board of Trustees, Sir Henry Wade's Pilmuir Trust, the Mouswald Trust, the Donald Dalrymple Fund, the British Archaeological Awards and The Laws Advisory Group. Through all these organisations we are able to keep abreast of current news in the heritage sector and discuss and support the archaeology and history of Scotland.

RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE

The RBK Stevenson Award

RBK Stevenson was for many years the Keeper of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland and was President of the Society between 1975 and 1978. This award is made annually in recognition of the paper in the *Proceedings* that best reflects Robert Stevenson's own scholarship and high standards. No paper was considered appropriate to fit this remit in Volume 140 and thus no award was presented at the Anniversary Meeting on 30 November 2011.

Honorary Fellows

At the 2011 Anniversary Meeting, Fellows voted to elect Emeritus Professor J V S Megaw, Mr C Neal Ascherson and Professor Martin Carver as Honorary Fellows under Law 5 of the Society which states that *Honorary Fellows shall consist of persons eminent in any branch of antiquarian study, who must be recommended by the Council and elected in the same way as Fellows; they shall not be liable for any fee for admission or annual subscription. The number of Honorary Fellows shall not exceed twenty-five.*

Murray Prize For History

The Society was delighted to launch the biennial Murray Prize for History at the 2011 Anniversary Meeting, funded through a generous donation from our Fellow Dr Peter Murray. This will provide a £200 cash prize and a medal for a high quality piece of original research published by the Society, into the history of Scotland in the medieval and/or early modern periods (c AD 500 to 1700), set within a British and/or European context. History shall be defined as encompassing all branches, including art history, but shall exclude archaeology for which there is already Society provision. Details of submission deadlines are on the Society website.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Society's summary Income and Expenditure Account together with explanatory notes are presented to the Fellows at the Anniversary Meeting and published in the *Proceedings*. The presentation style follows the required accounting standards for charities.

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR FELLOWS
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR TO 31 MAY 2012

	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Endowment Funds £</i>	<i>Total 2012 £</i>	<i>Total 2011 £</i>
Income					
Subscriptions	163,537	3,400	–	166,937	174,152
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid Scheme	15,000	–	–	15,000	17,000
Donations	6,841	1,398	–	8,239	382
Legacy	–	–	–	–	–
Income from Listed Investments	18,690	11,415	–	30,105	31,200
Bank Interest Received	–	79	–	79	76
Other Interest Received	983	–	–	983	13
Income from Monographs	–	–	–	–	50,678
Book Grant Income	3,970	–	–	3,970	–
Book Sales	17,446	–	–	17,446	–
PSAS Grant Income	1,000	–	–	1,000	–
PSAS Income	2,909	–	–	2,909	–
Income from SAIR	–	–	–	–	18,592
Income from Newsletter	270	–	–	270	–
Income from Lectures and Conferences	484	–	–	484	12,031
Income from ScARF	57,305	–	–	57,305	47,798
Total Income	288,435	16,292	–	304,727	351,922
Expenditure					
Grants, awards and donations	1,205	12,773	13,978	13,729	
Newsletter	6,617	–	6,617	–	
Lecture Programme	9,477	7,788	17,265	31,519	
Conferences	805	–	805	–	
Proceedings	29,364	–	29,364	30,496	
Monograph	14,239	–	14,239	33,365	
SAIR	4,923	–	4,923	6,963	
ScARF	10,136	–	10,136	16,944	
Salaries and Fees	154,825	–	154,825	132,701	
Pensions Payments	14,173	–	14,173	11,098	
Printing, Stationery, Post & Telephone	13,162	–	13,162	8,081	
Office Equipment, Maintenance and Insurance	8,523	–	8,523	7,633	
Miscellaneous	5,074	–	5,074	4,178	
Investment Management Costs	2,073	–	2,073	261	
Bank Charges	1,497	–	1,497	1,705	
Depreciation	3,739	–	3,739	3,803	
Bad Debt	3,770	–	3,770	17,449	
Accountancy & Audit Fee	–	–	–	6,482	
Independent Examination Fee	3,600	–	3,600	–	
Council & Committee Expenses	2,622	–	2,622	3,022	
Total Expenditure	289,824	20,561	–	310,385	329,429
Surplus for year	(1,389)	(4,269)	–	(5,658)	22,493
Transfer from unrestricted to restricted	(7,488)	7,488	–	–	–
Realised gains on investments	(7,007)	–	–4,333	(11,340)	6,606
Unrealised gains on investments	(18,893)	–	(12,736)	(31,629)	59,082
Balances brought forward	520,668	37,673	312,359	870,700	782,519
	485,891	40,892	295,290	822,073	870,700

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY 2012

	2012 £	2012 £	2011 £
Fixed Assets		4,948	7,665
Investments		779,265	804,903
		<hr/> 784,213	<hr/> 812,568
Debtors	67,782		86,531
Cash at Bank	36,138		56,834
	<hr/> 103,920		<hr/> 143,365
Less			
Current Liabilities due within one year	(66,060)		(85,233)
		<hr/> 37,860	<hr/> 58,132
		<hr/> 822,073	<hr/> 870,700
Endowment Fund		295,290	312,359
Restricted Funds		40,892	37,673
Unrestricted Funds		485,891	520,668
		<hr/> 822,073	<hr/> 870,700

The figures above have been extracted from the audited accounts for the year to 31 May 2012, which carried an unqualified Independent Examination, and which were approved by Council on 8 October 2012. The full Trustees' Report and Financial Statements may be obtained from the Assistant Treasurer at the Society's Office at the National Museums of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1JF, upon receipt of £5 UK and £10 elsewhere.

ALAN SAVILLE, BA (Hons) FSA MifA, *President*

Independent Examiner's statement

We have examined the summarised financial information which is prepared for the Society's Fellows.

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial information. We have agreed to report on its consistency with the annual accounts on which we reported on 8 October 2012.

Basis of Opinion

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to ascertain whether the abbreviated accounts are consistent with the annual accounts from which it has been prepared.

Opinion

In our opinion the abbreviated accounts are consistent with the annual accounts for the year ended 31 May 2012.

HENDERSON LOGGIE
Edinburgh
8 October 2012

During the 2011–12 financial year the Society’s investment objective was to have a balanced portfolio subject to a medium degree of risk. Council continued the current strategy to increase income while maintaining capital growth and a proportion of investments in Government bonds compared with shares. Council considers it has sufficient procedures in place to oversee this process and manage the inherent risk in a portfolio of investments.

Those investments considered restricted in purpose, notably to the funding of research, have now been split from the unrestricted funds. This allows for the development of different strategies for each in future, and a more transparent indication of the funds available. The Society invested the entry fees paid by new Fellows elected in 2011 to provide income for these grants and other awards. We would also encourage Fellows and others to help us increase these restricted funds further by donations of any size: please do not hesitate to contact the Society.

At the 30 November 2011 Anniversary Meeting, the following motion was proposed and agreed by Fellows: *The Council (Trustees) of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland recommends that the entry fee be removed for applications to Fellowship and that the first year’s subscription be £30; both to be initiated from 1 June 2012.* This means that for those elected on 30 November 2012 onwards there will be no entry fee, and the first year of subscription will be halved.

Risk management

The Society has drawn up a risk register to consider the major risks to which the Society is exposed. This is reviewed at Management Group meetings, and Council meetings where necessary, to ensure that the systems and procedures in place are appropriate to mitigate exposure to those risks.

Reserves policy

The unrestricted reserves of the Society at 31 May 2012 sit at approximately 18 months running costs and Council believes this is sufficient to meet the current activities of the Society.

FUTURE PLANS AND COMMITMENTS

RESEARCH

Research grants are important to the Society, and we will continue to consider grant applications. The deadline for applications remains the Anniversary Meeting (30 November). We encourage Fellows and non-Fellows alike to consider donating to the restricted fund to help increase the level of grants that the Society can offer.

The Scottish Archaeological Research Framework (ScARF) will continue to develop over its agreed period of funding to 2013. ScARF has its own web presence to keep everyone up-to-date with what is happening, and to provide information on how to get involved. There will be a public launch of ScARF either late in 2012 or early in 2013 accompanied by an accessible publication highlighting the excellent research potential of Scottish archaeology.

PROGRAMME

The lecture programme for 2012–13 was decided by the end of August 2012. The Society has been asked to lead a project to develop the year 2015 into a national celebration of Scottish archaeology. The Rhind Lectures for 2015 will therefore likely reflect this project proposal. The 2013 Rhind Lectures will be presented by Professor Richard Fawcett entitled *‘magnificent for the beauty and*

extent of its buildings and worthy of everlasting fame' – the architecture of the Scottish late medieval Church. The Society will organise and host the *Archaeological Research in Progress* conference on Saturday 25 May 2013.

PUBLICATIONS

The annual publication of the *Proceedings* is central to the Society, and work is already nearing completion on volume 141 to be published in November 2012. Intending contributors please note that there is a deadline of 1 November for papers to be submitted for the following *Proceedings*. Volume 142 of the *Proceedings* will initiate the use of full colour throughout as standard, and the Society is aiming to deliver as many copies as possible digitally to Fellows to reduce costs. We have many *SAIR* projects in various stages of completion and a number of books in various stages of production, with the aim to produce at least four in the next financial year. In addition, the ScARF project will produce an accessible booklet highlighting the excellence of Scottish archaeological research and the fascinating stories it can tell about Scotland's past.

A very full and stimulating programme of activities is already in place for next year. We are mindful, however, of the continued difficult circumstances in which all charitable organisations are working, and further reduction in numbers of Fellows would be a real concern since this is the Society's main source of income. For this reason the Society continues to be very grateful for the continued support of its Fellows, and would urge you to encourage others to stand for election. We also commend the Council members, the trustees of our Society, who put a lot of voluntary time and effort into the organisation and running of the Society.

ALAN SAVILLE, BA(Hons) FSA MifA
President
31 August 2012

ANNIVERSARY MEETING REPORT

The Anniversary Meeting is held, as per Law 16, on St Andrew's Day, except where this falls on a Sunday. The meeting is also the Annual General Meeting of the Society. It was held on Wednesday, 30 November 2011, in the Wolfson Lecture Theatre, Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22–26 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PQ starting at 4.30pm, Dr Barbara Crawford, President, in the chair.

The minutes of the last lecture meeting were read and approved. Reports were received from the Director and Treasurer and were approved. The ballots were closed and counted by the scrutineers. A motion stating *The Council (Trustees) of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland recommends that the entry fee be removed for applications to Fellowship and that the first year's subscription be £30; both to be initiated from 1 June 2012* was presented to the Fellowship as per Law 8 and approved.

The results of the ballots were as follows:

BALLOT FOR FELLOWS OF THE SOCIETY

The Ballot for Fellows of the Society lists all those put forward and elected at the meeting itself (in accordance with Laws 3 and 4), but strictly those are not automatically Fellows until they have paid their subscription and entry fee (Law 7). The list printed here details those elected at the Anniversary Meeting, with those who have still to pay their subscription and entry fee by the end of the financial year being reported on (here 31 May 2012) highlighted with an asterisk.

GAIL ANN ADAMS, Leesburg, Virginia, USA
ALASDAIR IAIN ANDERSON, LLB DipLP, London, UK
ANDREW JOHN APPLEBY, EP(F), Harray, Orkney, UK
JONATHON BARROW AUSTIN, Madison, Georgia, USA
JOHN RICHARD BARRETT, Aberlour, Banffshire, UK
ARDUS E BEASLEY, BA MA, Kansas City, Missouri, USA
THOMAS BEGG, BSc, Lochwinnoch, UK
ANDREW ROBIN BIRLEY, BA PhD, Brampton, Cumbria, UK
JANE CARMICHAEL, FSA, Edinburgh, UK
DAVID G CHAGNON, North Little Rock, Arkansas, USA
AMY JOANNA CLARKE, BA(Hons) MSc, Corinda, Queensland, Australia
JOHN DOUGLAS COCHRAN, BA MA, Monterey, California, USA
RICHARD ROY COOPER, Terre Haute, Indiana, USA
GEMMA CRUICKSHANKS, MA(Hons), Edinburgh, UK
WILLIAM R B CUNNINGHAME GRAHAM OF GARTMORE, MSc, MA, IATEFL, Segovia, Spain
STEVEN NEAL DENNY, BAE BFA MS, Topeka, Kansas, USA
WILMA DICKSON, CBE PhD, Edinburgh, UK
ALEXANDER CHARLES STUART DONALD, Aberdeen, UK
NICHOLAS EDWARD DUVALL, Edinburgh, UK
MARGARET ELPHINSTONE, DLitt FRSA, Castle Douglas, UK
COLIN FRASER-MALCOLM, Bridge of Allan, UK
MATTHEW FRY MIOR, Livingston, UK
DAVID RICHARD MICHAEL GAIMSTER, PhD FSA FMA, Glasgow, UK
RICHARD BOWEN GILLIE, BA, Westerly, Rhode Island, USA
HILARY GILMOUR, Midmar, Inverurie, UK
MICHAEL GILMOUR, Midmar, Inverurie, UK
PETA LUCY GLEW, BA(Hons) MLitt AIfA, Blackwaterfoot, Isle Of Arran, UK *
SUSAN GOLASHOVSKY, Doylestown, PA, USA
MORRIS ALLEN GORDON, BS Med, Chesterfield, Virginia, USA
JOHN STRATHIE GRAHAM, Edinburgh, UK
JAMES ALLAN GRAY, FRCPEd, Edinburgh, UK
ALEXANDER M S GREEN, M.Theol(Hons) LLB LLM MLitt, Aberdeen, UK
ANGUS MCFARLANE MCLEOD GROSSART, CBE LLD DLitt BA FRSE, Edinburgh, UK
ALAN HARDIE, Edinburgh, UK
WILLIAM J C HENDERSON, WS FRGS, Edinburgh, UK
LUKE BENEDICT TRISTAN HOUGHTON, MA MPhil PhD, Glasgow, UK
JUDITH JESCH, FSA FRHS, Nottingham, UK
GLYNN JONES, FRSA, Wokingham, UK
ANNE ROBERTSON KENNEDY, Washington DC, USA
CATHERINE KENT, MA, Duns, Scottish Borders, UK
JULIE ELIZABETH KERR, MA MLitt PhD FRHS, Edinburgh, UK
DONALD BLACKADDER GORDON KINNEAR, Rothesay, Isle of Bute, UK
LAUREN KNIGHT, St Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands
CHANTAL MARIE KNOWLES, Edinburgh, UK

JAMES THOMAS KNOWLES, BSc, Bathgate, West Lothian, UK
EDWARD M KONCZAK, Baird, Texas, USA
JOHN STEPHEN LEE, BA(Hons) MA PhD, Northallerton, N Yorks, UK
STEPHANIE LEITH, BA, MA, AIfA, Haddington, UK
LYNNE FREDA LOWRIE, BA(Hons) MA MSc, Darlington, UK
MARY KAY LYON, Menlo Park, California, USA
JOHN M MACAULAY, Isle Of Harris, Outer Hebrides, UK
SIMON GRANT MACAULAY, MA(Hons), Edinburgh, UK
NIKKI MACDONALD, Musselburgh, UK
ROBERT JOHN MACDONALD, SBstJ, Vancouver Bc, Canada
ANDREW MACKIE, Edinburgh, UK
HELEN MACKIE, Edinburgh, UK
KENNETH J B S MACLEOD, LLB NP WS ACII, Inverness, UK
EILA MACQUEEN, Edinburgh, UK
MORGANA McCABE, BA, Glasgow, UK
COLIN BRUCE McCLORY, Edinburgh, UK
Malcolm Donald McLeod, CBE FRSE, Oxnam, Jedburgh, UK
CHRISTINE ELIZABETH MCPHERSON, Linlithgow, West Lothian, UK
STEWART MILLS MIET, Galston, Ayrshire, UK
STUART K MONRO, OBE CGeol FGS FHEA FRSSA FRSE, Edinburgh, UK
PATRICIA F NEISH, MBE, Barcelona, Spain
JEREMY N F NORMAN, MA WS, London, UK
JEFFRY OLIVER, Aberdeen, UK *
SUSAN OVENDEN, PhD BSc(Hons), Dounby, Orkney, UK
JAMIE REID BAXTER, Edinburgh, UK *
ROY WILLIAM RICHES, PifA, Castle Douglas, UK *
BENJAMIN WILLIAM ROBERTS, BSc MPhil PhD AIfA, London, UK
PETER MILLER ROBERTS, BSc, Glasgow, UK
STEPHANIE ROBERTSON, MA(Hons), Luxembourg
TOM H ROBINSON, Dallas, Texas, USA
DARRELL JESSE ROHL, BSc MA, Durham, UK
SHARON RING ROLLINS, Sugarland, Texas, USA
STEFAN CHARLES SAGROTT, Edinburgh, UK
JAMES DAVID SCOTT, Dunblane, UK
NICKI SCOTT, Tullibody, Clackmannanshire, UK
HANNAH SMITH, MA MLitt PIFA, Dundee, UK
HARRY SMITH, Scone, Perth, UK
CRAIG WILLIAM STANFORD, Chesapeake, Virginia, USA
GORDON STEWART, Dunfermline, Fife, UK
KENNETH SINCLAIR STEWART, Edinburgh, UK
GERALD STRANRAER-MULL, Muir Of Ord, Ross-Shire, UK
SANDRA TROPPER, Bethesda, MD, USA
ELMER WILEY WATSON JR, High Point, North Carolina, USA *
THOMAS WELSH, QC, MA(Hons) LLB, Edinburgh, UK

GRAHAM M WHEELDON, BA(Hons), Glasgow, UK
 GORDON ROBERT WILKIE, MA(Hons), Bannockburn, UK
 NEIL C A WILKIN, Glasgow, UK
 BRIAN WILLIAMSON OF CRAIGMILLAR, BSc(Hons) QDR CARb FNI FEI FCIarb AFRMets AFRIN
 Hon LLMS, Beckenham, Kent, UK
 CAROL WORTHINGTON-BORODIN, Rathdrum, ID, USA *
 FRANCES ZEMAN, BROOKLYN, New York, USA

THE ROLL

The deaths of Fellows listed below were intimated to the Society during 2011–12. The dates in the right-hand column represent the year of election as a Fellow.

WILLIAM LACEY BARKLEY, Roseland, VA, USA	1997
FREDERICK ROUTLEDGE BELL, Guernsey, Channel Islands	1973
RICHARD C BELL, Flat Rock, Ohio, USA	1988
NORMAN BINNIE, Torphichen, Bathgate, UK	1991
ROBERT B BOYD, Paisley, UK	1992
ROBERT MAURICE CARMICHAEL, Edinburgh, UK	1983
PHILIP CROME, Alford, Lincolnshire, UK	2000
ISABELLA MABEL DEANS, Banchory, UK	1990
FRANK WILLIAM DONNELLY, Aberdeen, UK	1988
ALEXANDER DUNBAR, Elgin, UK	1979
ALEXANDER FENTON, Edinburgh, UK	1958
DONALD S FERGUSSON, Hornchurch, Essex, UK	1993
RICHARD SUTHERLAND GARY, Swanton, MD, USA	1982
HUGH HATRICK, Duns, UK	1992
JIM INGLIS, York, UK	1993
KEITH L LEONARD, Toronto, Canada	2003
STUART MAXWELL, Edinburgh, UK	1948
SHEILA M MCCOLL, Elgin, Moray, UK	2000
THOMAS E A MEAD, Cliftonville, Kent, UK	1981
ALEXANDER MORRISON, Glasgow, UK	1967
DENIS NAULTY, Dundee, UK	1980
JOHN SCOTT, Edinburgh, UK	1963
JUDITH D G SCOTT, Norfolk, UK	1938
DAVID STALKER, Bonnyrigg, UK	1985
IRVING B STANTON JR, Bedford, Virginia, USA	2005
ELIZABETH STEVENSON, Edinburgh, UK	1950
SARA L THURMOND, Alpharetta, Georgia, USA	1998
JOHN S WACHER, Cornwall, UK	1967
M G C W WHEELER, Barnard Castle, UK	1957

BALLOT FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The full Ballot list for Members of the Society Council as put forward in accordance with Laws 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. All those presented were duly elected at the Meeting.

President

Alan Saville, BA FSA MIFA is an archaeologist and prehistorian. He graduated from the University of Birmingham with a degree in Ancient History and Archaeology and worked for many years in England as a field archaeologist and lithic specialist before joining the staff of National Museums Scotland in 1989. He is best known from his early career for the total excavation of the Hazleton North Cotswold-Severn tomb in Gloucestershire and for his edited volume on the archaeology of that county. At NMS he has had various roles, as Head of the former Artefact Research Unit, as Head of the Treasure Trove Secretariat, and now as Senior Curator Earliest Prehistory. A firm supporter of the Society, he has served as its Treasurer, Research Convener, Publications Convener, and Vice-President; he is currently Co-Chair of the ScARF Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Panel. While Research Convener he inaugurated the Society's international period conferences with the Mesolithic conference in 1999 and, as Publications Convener, oversaw the establishment of the current very successful series of new-look monographs. Since coming to Edinburgh he has also served as Vice-President and President of the Council for Scottish Archaeology and as a member of the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland. Outwith Scotland in recent years- he has been a Trustee of the Council for British Archaeology, President of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society, Chair of the NERC Oxford Radiocarbon Accelerator Dating Service Steering Committee, and was for six years the Editor of the European Journal of Archaeology, in which capacity he sat on the Executive Board of the European Association of Archaeologists. His most recent publication is an edited volume on Flint and Stone in the Neolithic Period (Oxbow 2011) and he is currently co-editing a monograph on flint-mines in Europe.

Vice-President

Antoinette 'Twin' Watkins, BA(Hons) graduated in 1960 from the University of Birmingham with a degree in Ancient History and Archaeology and has had a career of almost 40 years in Museums. She was a curator in Liverpool Museums before moving to Scotland with her husband Trevor Watkins, with whom she has collaborated on numerous excavations. After a career break to have a family, she worked as a freelance curator, mainly for the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland and from 1989 for the National Museums of Scotland on many major exhibitions. For the last seven years before retirement she worked as the Exhibitions Co-ordinator for the Museum of Scotland. She has been a Fellow of the Society since 1979 and in the past has worked for the Society, organising excursions, lectures and conferences, and served on Council from 1995–8.

Treasurer

Brendan O'Connor, BA DPhil FSA has been active in archaeology for 45 years. After studying at Nottingham and Oxford he moved to Edinburgh to work in the Scottish Office, from which he retired in 2001. His thesis was published in 1980 and he has published extensively on Bronze Age metalwork in Scotland (often in collaboration with Trevor Cowie), elsewhere in Britain and abroad. From 1995 to 1998 Dr O'Connor was a member of the Society's Council and also served on its Finance and Administration Committee. He has been Treasurer since November 2006.

Council Members

Jonathan Wordsworth, MA is Rural Land Use Adviser with Archaeology Scotland, promoting the better protection and appreciation of Scotland's historic environment in the Scottish

countryside. He is currently a Director of the Built Environment Forum Scotland and the Scottish representative of the EAA Working Group on Farming, Forestry and Rural Land Use. Following an MA in History /Religious Studies from Aberdeen University he worked for 25 years in field archaeology including four years directing excavations at UAU (predecessor to SUAT) and 10 years running his own freelance consultancy in the Highlands, before taking up his present job in 1998.

Beverley Ballin Smith, BEd MA FSA MIfA gained university degrees from (Warwick University and the London University's Institute of Archaeology), and moved to Orkney where she worked as an archaeologist for 13 years. This was followed by a seven-year period in Denmark and Norway with archaeological work there and in Sweden. She has over the last 14 years been actively involved in Scottish commercial archaeology (formerly as post-excavation manager with GUARD, University of Glasgow), with research (with St Andrews and Stirling University on the Papa Project, and on her own Viking pottery project), and with community archaeology (the partial reconstruction of a Norse building on the island of Papa Stour, Shetland with Barbara Crawford; the Norwegian Crafts Development and the Papa Stour History Group), and has an advisory role with the Applecross Broch team and with SPEAR in South Ronaldsay, Orkney. She has lectured and published widely on archaeological sites and artefacts. She is a member of the IfA Council and Executive, being the Honorary Chair for Groups and Membership, and sits on the Validation Committee. In addition to this, she continues to teach short courses in History and Archaeology, and Historical Geography at the Scottish Agricultural College. Beverley is currently undertaking a detailed assessment of the extensive Udal archives from sites dug by Iain Crawford on North Uist from 1963–94, which will hopefully lead to eventual publication of the project.

James Mearns is a graduate of Glasgow University Archaeology Department in 1982. His career has mostly been in Government, from the Ancient Monuments Division of the old Scottish Office, through a Civil Service Fast Stream appointment to the Department of Transport in London. This was followed by a move to Strathclyde Regional Council Roads Department, where he gained a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning at Strathclyde University in 1997. More recently he has been employed in various roles within Glasgow City Council. He has retained his archaeological interest through membership of this Society but mainly through his involvement with Glasgow Archaeological Society. A member of Council of GAS for several years he was involved in organising a number of one-day conferences on topics such as Science and Archaeology. He had the privilege of being President during the Society's 150th Anniversary year. As an important outcome from that year he was able to help the Society begin a programme of excavation and survey in Pollok Park. His main excavation experience has been on Roman sites, both on the Antonine Wall and in central Italy. He will bring the enthusiasm of an informed amateur and an expertise in the role of Government to the work of the Council.

Vanessa Habib, BA MPhil trained as a textile designer at the University of Leeds, taught at the University of Bradford and held the Drapers Fellowship there and later worked as a designer of textiles and ceramics. After moving to Edinburgh in 1980 she concentrated on researching the history of textiles in Scotland, particularly the Early Modern period, but is also interested in Coptic textiles. She is currently working on bleachfields and the history of dyeing and printing in Scotland. She is a member of CIETA (Centre International D'Etude Des Textiles Anciens).

BALLOT FOR HONORARY FELLOWS

The full Ballot list for Honorary Fellows of the Society as put forward in accordance with Law 5. All those presented were duly elected at the Meeting.

Emeritus Professor J V S Megaw, AM MA DLitt FAHA FSA FSA Scot MifA received his first degree in prehistoric archaeology and fine art from the University of Edinburgh under Stuart Piggott and Richard Atkinson, and has maintained a strong interest in Scottish archaeology while developing a world-class reputation as a scholar of Celtic art which, in 1992, led to the same university awarding him a DLitt. From his home in South Australia he is a frequent visitor to Scotland and his continuing interest in the country's archaeology is evidenced by his attendance at our early and later prehistory conferences, and in his position as first, Visiting Professor at University of Edinburgh and subsequently Honorary Senior Research Fellow at University of Glasgow. A prolific scholar of world renown, he has published several books and more than 350 articles, many in conjunction with his wife, Dr Ruth Megaw, a graduate of University of Glasgow. He continues to publish articles on Celts – in whom he still believes – and indigenous Australian art.

Mr C Neal Ascherson, FSA Scot is a distinguished Scottish author and journalist. Educated at King's College, Cambridge he eschewed an academic career in favour of journalism. He first joined the *Manchester Guardian*, moving on to *The Scotsman* (1959–60), *The Observer* (1960–90) and the *Independent on Sunday* (1990–98). Between 1975 and 1979, he also worked in Edinburgh as Scottish Politics correspondent of *The Scotsman*. As Central Europe correspondent for the *Observer* during the later stages of the Cold War, he contributed scripts for the 1998 documentary series *The Cold War* and also the 1974 series *The World at War*. In recent years, he has also been a regular contributor to the *London Review of Books*. He has lectured and written extensively about Polish and Eastern Europe affairs and, in 1992, was awarded the Polish Order of Service by President Lech Walesa. In 1998 joined the Institute of Archaeology, University College London, and was appointed Honorary Professor in 2009. He was founding editor of *Public Archaeology*, an academic journal associated with UCL. His publications include *The King Incorporated* (1963), *The Polish August* (1981), *The Nazi Legacy* (1985), *The Struggles for Poland* (1987), *Games With Shadows* (1988), *Black Sea* (1995) and *Stone Voices: The Search for Scotland* (2002).

Professor Martin Carver, BSc Dip.Archaeol FSA FSA Scot was born in Rutherglen in 1941 and served 15 years in the army before turning to archaeology. He was the second Professor of Archaeology at York (1986–2008), first secretary of the Institute for Archaeologists, and has founded commercial archaeology companies at Birmingham (now Birmingham Archaeology) and York (FAS–Heritage Ltd). Martin has done much work recently in Scotland at Portmahomack, delivered the Rhind Lectures in 2010, and has been a great inspiration for a number of archaeologists working in Scotland. He has also published in a very timely manner and undoubtedly has promoted Scottish archaeology to a wider international audience. He has carried out field research in the Early Historic period in France, Italy, Algeria and, of course, the major project at Sutton Hoo, Suffolk. His most recent books are *Archaeological Investigation* (Routledge 2009) and *Making Archaeology Happen* (Left Coast Press 2011) which is based on his Rhind Lectures. Martin has been editor of *Antiquity* since 2003. Tarbat, Portmahomack, won best project at the British Archaeological Awards 2010 and was runner up at The Best in Heritage in partnership with Europa Nostra, Dubrovnik, 2011.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Alan Saville then took the chair and invited Barbara Crawford to deliver her final Presidential Address as follows:

Fellows, this is the last time that I will be addressing you. It feels as though I have been addressing you from this podium forever, but in fact it is only the past three years. Those three years have been most rewarding and fulfilling years, for me personally. But what sort of years have they been for the Society? I would like to attempt to give a short resume of what has been going on in my time as president as a sort of farewell report.

There have been a few difficulties, which the Director and office staff and the Council have tried to tackle robustly. The present concern is the decline in Fellows' numbers, which is a matter partly compounded by the concerted attempt to tidy up the list of Fellows and to strike off the names of Fellows who had not been paying subscriptions but who had never formally resigned. The current economic problems have also been exceedingly relevant, and do appear to account for further resignations. We will hope that the measure adopted to remove the entrance fee and halve the first year subscription will help to keep numbers of applicants up and that new – and younger – individuals will not to be daunted by the large financial outlay.

You will note that there is a fair sprinkling of new Fellows from across the Atlantic, twenty in fact. This proportion is a matter of some concern to a few – very few – Fellows, who suspect that such individuals do not have the right credentials to become Fellows and merely wish to have the honour of being a Fellow and to have the distinction of adding FSA Scot to their sometimes long list of post-nominals. My response is that these are all people who wish to have a closer connection with the country which is in the vast majority of cases the homeland of their ancestors, so they want to be integrated into a Society which will help them to be more informed about Scottish history and antiquities. Several of them hold positions in the clan society of their name or family, some have good academic qualifications. All are interested, and all names are examined by the Fellowship Committee. And they all bring in subscriptions, as well as adding a significant new factor to our Fellowship constituency, which I think we should welcome. If there is a decline in the number of applicants from within the UK or other parts of the world then we should be pleased to look to the New World to replenish the drop in numbers.

I made a commitment at the beginning of my presidency to try and ensure that the Society was more engaged with those Fellows who live furth of Edinburgh, and who were not able easily to attend meetings here. We think we have made significant progress in this respect by holding one evening lecture in the past two winter programmes with a local society – in Perth and Glasgow. This is a good way of learning about the local societies who keep the archaeology flag flying in their part of Scotland. I do feel that the Antiquaries can play an important role in helping to maintain a link with local societies and encouraging local self-awareness as part of our concern with promoting the history and knowledge of the antiquities of Scotland. We also have the lectures recorded and put online, so that all Fellows from every corner of Scotland or the wider world, can view them and keep abreast of the lecture programme. Engaging with local museums might also be a means of extending the Society's outreach.

And the idea of Fellows' evenings could be developed. As the one held in Aberdeen showed, this is a successful way of developing good relations between the Society officials and local groups in a relaxed social atmosphere when Fellows' concerns and preferences can be aired. It does however mean extra work out-of-hours (including of course the travel involved) for the office staff. I would like to add here my gratitude to all the administrative staff – and especially the Director – for all the

hard work which goes into keeping Society business running, and for their unfailing support which I have been very fortunate to have over the past three years.

With respect to the governance of the Society, we have found it was necessary to increase the number of Committees, some of which had been cut in previous regimes, as we found that areas of Society business were demanding too much time in Council and were not getting proper consideration. For instance, the future lecture programmes were being arranged in a rather haphazard fashion because the considerations of balance and of topic needed some greater discussion and time than we could afford in Council. So the Programme Committee has been re-constituted. And a Heritage Committee has been formed because there are today many aspects of heritage policy which need consideration by a dedicated group and the Society is being required to send responses to government papers all the time – which I will mention in further detail in a moment. We have also formed a new Education Committee in order to explore ways in which the Society might become more involved in the education of young people in heritage and archaeology, and hoping that the Society would thus become familiar and attractive to young people who will then wish to join the Society when they reach adulthood.

The matter of being an independent voice in respect of heritage matters is something which I wrote about in the Society Newsletter earlier this year. This is where the Heritage Committee comes into play and will help to form Society policy on a range of matters which we might be consulted about, as also to seek advice from Fellows who have a particular expertise in different areas relating to Scotland's archaeological and historical heritage. Just in the last few weeks we have been asked to respond to consultation documents on

- A National Strategy for Scotland's Museums and Galleries
- A Review of HS's archaeology Function
- HS's Corporate plan
- Works on Scheduled Monuments
- National Library of Scotland Bill
- Options appraisal for RCAHMS

This will give you some idea of the time-consuming procedure which the Director has to go through every time when consulting with members of the Council and preparing a consolidated response. If a Heritage Committee can help in this it will be for the best and if this helps to maintain the Society's involvement with the care and management of the nation's heritage, this gives us an important voice (if our responses are heeded).

I want to turn to an aspect which has been at the heart of my presidency but which I bring forward now rather diffidently as it has the potential to be a divisive issue, or at least to be a source of grievance. The matter of the 'Archaeology plus' element, or the 'widely antiquarian direction' which I rather elliptically said I would try to encourage in earlier issues of the *Newsletter*. This is the need to maintain a balance between the historical and the archaeological interests of our Fellowship in the lecture programme and the *Proceedings*, and it is an issue which some Fellows feel strongly about (primarily those who think there is not enough historical interest included, or who even think there is too much archaeological). I firmly believe that the programme of lecture topics and speakers is very evenly balanced. The papers in the *Proceedings* are a different issue, because as I said in the last *Newsletter* we are dependent for the right mix on what is put forward by contributors, and that is really a situation over which the editor and the Publications Committee have little control. However, as the Director has announced already, we are inviting contributions

to the *Proceedings* to be put forward for the new biennial Murray Prize for history. We are very grateful to our Fellow Dr Peter Murray for funding this new expressly non-archaeological award, and we hope to see more historical contributions to the *Proceedings* coming forward.

One other matter which has been of concern, and which I shared with you, was the issue of Society representation on the Board of Trustees of the National Museum. I am very happy to say that as a result of our elections today there are now three NMS Trustees who are also Fellows of this Society! There may still be issues regarding specialist knowledge of the historical and archaeological collections among Board members, but I am sure that these new Fellows will be able to represent the Society's interests on the Board more than adequately and we welcome them warmly to join our Fellowship.

Finally, to mention some things which have been raised during the time of my Presidency, and which I hope will be carried forward under my successor. One very important item has been brought to our notice and which I wrote about in the Newsletter last year; that is the matter of the Society's Collections which are scattered around in the care of the NMS, RCAHMS, NLS, NRS and elsewhere. It is very important (and perhaps urgent) that *all* this widely diverse material should be properly catalogued and inventoried (which some of it already is) and then put online or digitised if it is illustrative material, so that it is instantly accessible across the world. Thus it would be brought together again once more, in a digital form, and given some coherence as the Society's manuscript collection. Perhaps this might be done for the original archaeological collection as well. The Fellows who are most closely involved with this material are Honorary Fellow Dr Anna Ritchie and Vice-President Lesley Ferguson who as Head of Collections at RCAHMS is very well placed to make plans for the future use and publication of much of this material. It deserves to be better known, as part of the Society's tremendous legacy to the antiquarian Heritage of Scotland.

Talking about legacies makes me feel that I should be leaving some sort of personal legacy of my time as President! I cannot match the legacy of my predecessor which was to set in train the archaeological research project called ScARF which has been on-going during my time at the helm, although I have not been closely involved with it. The results of this project will be forthcoming during the next year and we look forward to learning a very great deal about the whole range of research which has gone into establishing that framework and what it will tell us about Scotland's archaeological record and defining where future research should usefully be focused.

My own potential legacy could be in following up the interest which has been aroused by my learning about Alexander Rhind and his mathematical papyrus, for he was an important luminary of the Society and an early benefactor. There is probably more to be learned about this remarkable man who travelled so extensively throughout Europe and the Middle East and whose archaeological collections have formed an important kernel of the NMS and the BM's Egyptian material. He should be more publicly commemorated in Scotland and in the Society, and maybe the 150th anniversary of his death in 2013 might be a suitable occasion to focus on his legacy to the Society in money, books and archaeological material – and this would be an occasion which I would be very willing to organise and to raise funding for.

While on the subject of legacies, I cannot let the opportunity slip to remind you all of the value which financial donations do provide to the Society's resources. I did happen to read in the recent Newsletter of the Society of the Antiquaries of London of the valuable legacies which have been received by that Society recently. Any similar legacies would be most welcome by our own Society.

And on that somewhat terminal note I will now step down from the podium in the RSE for the last time and entrust the presidential responsibilities to my successor, in whose able hands and under whose presiding charge I am confident that the Society will flourish.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING LECTURE

Alan Saville then introduced Dr Wendy Ugolini, University of Edinburgh, on '*Wha bears a blade for Scotland?*': *the construction of Scottish diasporic military identities, c 1880 – present day*. A wine reception was then held for Fellows and guests.